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**Attention: BOX PATENT APPLICATION**

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Submitted herewith is a patent application for:

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Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR NATURAL  
LANGUAGE PROCESSING

**This is not a Provisional Application.**

The application includes:

- Specification ( 75 pages), including claims (1-38) and an Abstract (1 page)
- Formal drawings (35 sheets, Figs. 1-54)
- Inventor Declaration and Power of Attorney
- Assignment with Cover Sheet
- Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449 (with 1 reference)
- Priority Documents: JP-2000-225911 of July 26, 2000  
JP-2000-227096 of July 27, 2000

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Basic Fee \$355/710 \$710.00

Additional Fees:

Total number of claims in excess of 20: 18x \$18 324.00

Number of independent claims  
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